

The Claims

1-12. (Canceled).

13. (Original) One or more computer readable media having stored thereon a plurality of instructions that, when executed by a transformation engine, causes the transformation engine to:

access a plurality of constructs in an application programming interface description, wherein the description is written in an extensible markup language (XML) format; and

transform each of the plurality of constructs into code for a component object module (COM) application programming interface header file.

14. (Original) One or more computer readable media as recited in claim 13, wherein the transformation engine comprises a series of instructions executed by one or more processors.

15. (Original) One or more computer readable media as recited in claim 13, wherein the plurality of instructions include instructions to:

check whether a declare enumeration construct is to be transformed into a series of manifest constants or into a component object model enumeration declaration; and

transform the enumeration construct into either the series of manifest constants or the component object model enumeration declaration based on the checking.

16. (Original) One or more computer readable media as recited in claim 13, wherein the plurality of instructions include instructions to transform a declare enumeration construct into a series of manifest constants.

17. (Original) One or more computer readable media as recited in claim 13, wherein the plurality of instructions include instructions to transform a declare enumeration construct into a component object model enumeration declaration.

18. (Original) One or more computer readable media as recited in claim 13, wherein the plurality of instructions include instructions to transform a declare function construct into a component object model function declaration.

19. (Original) One or more computer readable media as recited in claim 13, wherein the plurality of instructions include instructions to transform a declare class object construct into a component object model class object ID declaration.

20. (Original) One or more computer readable media as recited in claim 13, wherein the plurality of instructions include instructions to transform a declare interface construct into a component object model forward class declaration.

21. (Original) One or more computer readable media as recited in claim 13, wherein the plurality of instructions include instructions to transform a declare data structure construct into a component object model data structure declaration.

22. (Original) One or more computer readable media as recited in claim 13, wherein the plurality of instructions include instructions to transform a declare macro construct into a component object model manifest constant.

23-37. (Canceled).

38. (Original) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a data structure comprising:

an id attribute field that contains data identifying an application programming interface description construct;

a plurality of construct fields that contain data describing the application programming interface; and

a field functioning to identify the end of the data structure.

39. (Original) A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 38, wherein the plurality of construct fields include one or more declare enumeration construct fields.

40. (Original) A computer readable media as recited in claim 39, wherein each declare enumeration construct field includes:

a plurality of declare enumeration member constructs; and

an enumeration flag attribute that identifies whether the plurality of declare enumeration member constructs are to be transformed into a series of manifest constants or transformed into a component object model enumeration declaration.

41. (Original) A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 38, wherein the plurality of construct fields include one or more declare function construct fields.

42. (Original) A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 38, wherein the plurality of construct fields include one or more declare class object construct fields.

43. (Original) A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 38, wherein the plurality of construct fields include one or more declare interface construct fields.

44. (Original) A computer readable media as recited in claim 43, wherein each declare interface construct field includes:

one or more declare method constructs, wherein each declare method construct stores data identifying a method corresponding to the interface defined by the declare interface construct field; and

wherein each declare method construct includes one or more declare parameter construct fields, wherein each declare parameter construct field stores data identifying a parameter of the method.

45. (Original) A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 38, wherein the plurality of construct fields include one or more declare data structure construct fields.

46. (Original) A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 38, wherein the plurality of construct fields include one or more declare macro construct fields.

47. (New) A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 38, wherein a component object module (COM) application programming interface header file is to be generated for the application programming interface by transforming the data in the plurality of construct fields.